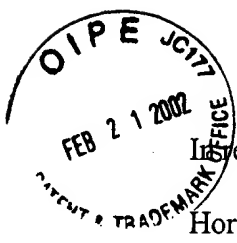


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PATENT APPLICATION

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Appln. No.: 09/508,418

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For: NOVEL PROTOPORPHYRINOGEN OXIDASE TOLERANT TO PHOTOBLEACHING
HERBICIDE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2001. It is being filed with a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the time for responding to the Office Action from November 21, 2001 to February 21, 2002. Accordingly this amendment is timely.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the present title and replace it with the following new title:

Herbicide-Resistant Protoporphyrinogen Oxidase Isolated From Nicotiana tabacum.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.